

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 527

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A RESOLUTION To recognize John Bryan Freeman on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, John Bryan Freeman is one such estimable citizen who served with probity and esteem for 46 years with Auto Parts and Services Company, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, The son of John Rich Freeman and Ida Bryan Freeman, John Bryan Freeman graduated from Lebanon High School in 1955, and from Middle Tennessee State University in 1959; and

WHEREAS, While at MTSU, Mr. Freeman attended Officers' Candidate School, and entered the service of the United States Marine Corps in August of 1959; and

WHEREAS, Also in August of 1959, Mr. Freeman wed Betty Delaine Bradford of Lewisburg, the lovely daughter of Lester and Loucile Bradford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman served his country in the Marine Corps for three years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, His tour of service over, Mr. Freeman returned home to Lebanon in 1962; he returned to serve as an employee of the business started by his father, Auto Parts and

Service Company, Incorporated, where he had begun work at age 15; his work there would continue until his retirement in March of 2001; and

WHEREAS, John Bryan Freeman was and is an active and important part of his community and profession, participating in numerous civic and professional organizations, including the Board of Automotive Wholesalers Association of Tennessee, the Lebanon-Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, the Lebanon Jaycees, the Board of First Federal Savings and Loan, the Board of Directors of Wilson Bank and Trust, and the Board of Heartside Retirement Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman's outstanding efforts and many talents have been duly recognized; he has received the Jaycees' prestigious Distinguished Service Award, and has been chosen to serve as President or Chair of numerous organizations, boards and committees including Wilson Bank and Trust and the Lebanon Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, He expresses his robust Christian faith as a member of the College Street Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman's many awards and duties aside, he is the most proud of the love and recognition proffered by his family, including his wife of 42 years, Betty Delaine Bradford; their children, Delaine Freeman Davis and John Bradford Freeman; and their grandchildren, Justin Davis, Winston Davis, McClain Davis, Shelby Freeman, Mathew Freeman, and the twins, Caitlin and Kayla Freeman; and the other members of his extended family; and

WHEREAS, John Bryan Freeman exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristics of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Freeman has demonstrated a remarkable ability to lead others to reach their potential, and has served his fellow man in all his capacities and with all his capabilities, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we extend to John Bryan Freeman our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, and for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we honor and commend John Bryan Freeman for his long and outstanding career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.